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H. R. 3085

To amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to authorize a program to provide grants to postsecondary education institutions for the purpose of creating partnerships between postsecondary institutions and elementary or secondary schools to instruct prospective teachers and classroom teachers.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. WOOLSEY introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on Education and the Workforce

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Partnership for Profes-
5 sional Renewal Act of 1997”.

1 **SEC. 2. PURPOSE; ESTABLISHMENT OF PROGRAM.**

2 Title V of the Higher Education Act of 1965 is
3 amended by adding the following new part:

4 **“PART G—PARTNERSHIP FOR PROFESSIONAL**
5 **RENEWAL**

6 **“SEC. 599A. PURPOSES.**

7 “The purposes of this part are—

8 “(1) to make the public school a classroom for
9 teachers in training and provide school faculty with
10 opportunities for professional development; and

11 “(2) to encourage a communitywide commit-
12 ment to public education that uses students’ homes,
13 local neighborhoods, businesses, and community or-
14 ganizations as education resources and makes the
15 Partnership for Professional Renewal a resource to
16 the community.

17 **“SEC. 599B. APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS.**

18 “(a) APPLICATION AND PLAN REQUIRED.—

19 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Any institution of higher
20 education desiring to obtain a grant under this sec-
21 tion shall submit to the Secretary an application at
22 such time, in such form, and containing such infor-
23 mation and assurances as the Secretary may require
24 by regulation.

25 “(2) INSTITUTION PLAN.—An application under
26 this section shall include a plan for the establish-

1 ment of an ongoing program that will provide train-
2 ing and technical support for prospective teachers
3 and classroom teachers.

4 “(b) CONTENTS OF PLAN.—The institution of higher
5 education plan shall include information on—

6 “(1) the methods by which elementary and sec-
7 ondary schools will be selected to participate in Part-
8 nerships for Professional Renewal;

9 “(2) the duration for which the teacher-in-
10 training will be assigned to a classroom;

11 “(3) the methods by which consortia will be
12 formed that include representatives of—

13 “(A) institution of higher education teach-
14 er training faculty;

15 “(B) local school faculty;

16 “(C) local school parents;

17 “(D) education technology expert;

18 “(E) local school administration;

19 “(F) local business; and

20 “(G) local community leaders;

21 “(4) the methods by which the consortium will
22 be used—

23 “(A) to collaborate on the development of
24 the specific objectives of the partnership pro-
25 gram; and

1 “(B) to encourage a communitywide com-
 2 mitment to public education that uses students’
 3 homes, local neighborhoods, businesses, and
 4 community organizations as education resources
 5 and makes the Partnership for Professional Re-
 6 newal a resource to the community;

7 “(5) the methods by which postsecondary fac-
 8 ulty will join with classroom teachers to balance the
 9 theoretical and practical aspects of teacher training
 10 for teachers-in-training;

11 “(6) the academic resources that the institution
 12 of higher education will provide to offer the faculty
 13 of the elementary or secondary school opportunities
 14 for professional development; and

15 “(7) methods for sharing knowledge and ideas
 16 obtained at one school with other teachers and stu-
 17 dents.

18 **“SEC. 599C. SELECTION OF APPLICATIONS FOR AWARDS.**

19 “(a) SELECTION CRITERIA.—The Secretary shall by
 20 regulation establish criteria for the selection of applica-
 21 tions for the award of grants under this part. Such selec-
 22 tion criteria shall—

23 “(1) be designed to identify those applications
 24 for awards that best fulfill the purposes of this part;

1 “(2) require the Secretary to consider, in mak-
2 ing such awards, the need to provide both geo-
3 graphic diversity among grant recipients and a di-
4 versity of types of participating institutions of higher
5 education;

6 “(3) give special attention to those plans which
7 assign a teacher-in-training to the same classroom
8 for one full school year, or more; and

9 “(4) include criteria based on the extent to
10 which the application best meets the requirements of
11 paragraphs (4), (5), (7), and (8) of section 599B(b).

12 **“SEC. 599D. USE OF FUNDS.**

13 “Funds received under a grant made pursuant to this
14 part may be used—

15 “(1) to hire a chief administrative officer to
16 oversee this program;

17 “(2) to advertise the existence of this program
18 throughout the region in which the postsecondary
19 and elementary or secondary schools are located;

20 “(3) to develop curriculum for the partnership
21 and update said curriculum as necessary;

22 “(4) to provide supplies and staff for the part-
23 nership;

1 “(5) to fund lifelong learning opportunities in
2 educational technology for the faculty of partner
3 schools;

4 “(6) to provide professional development oppor-
5 tunities; and

6 “(7) for other uses consistent with the purposes
7 of this part, as specifically stated in the plan submit-
8 ted by the institution of higher education and ap-
9 proved by the Secretary.

10 **“SEC. 599E. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

11 ““There are authorized to be appropriated to carry out
12 this part such sums as may be necessary for fiscal year
13 1998 and each of the 4 succeeding fiscal years.”.

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